IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

MONDAY, THE 1ST JANUARY 2007 / 11TH POUSHA, 1928.

WP(C).No. 19 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

T.K. PREMLAL,
DISTRICT OFFICER, GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT,
KANNUR, RESIDING AT THATTARAPURACKAL VEEDU,
NEAR KARTHIYANI TEMPLE, AYYANTHOLE,THRISSUR DIST.

BY ADV. SRI.B.MOHANLAL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR,
GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT, JALAVIJNAN BHAVAN,
AMBALAMUKKU, KAWDIAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SHRI. P.NANDAKUMAR

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 1/1/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

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Dated this the 1st January, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is now working as District Officer in the Ground Water Department, Kannur district. He has filed an application seeking for transfer to Thrissur district which is his native place. It is stated that he belongs to one of the scheduled caste communities and as such he is entitled to seek the benefit of G.O(MS)No: 459/80/GAD dated 3.10.1980.

2. Ext.P3 representation filed by the petitioner is pending with the first respondent. Ext.P3 shows that a vacancy in the post of District Officer has arisen in Thrissur district on the retirement of the existing incumbent on 30.11.2006 and the petitioner apprehends that, that vacancy is likely to be filled up without considering the request made by the petitioner.

3. I have heard Govt. Pleader for the respondents. It is submitted that the petitioner's case can be considered along with other applications in accordance with law.

4. In the circumstances the first respondent is directed to consider Ext.P3 immediately on the petitioner filing an application for transfer in the prescribed proforma. Applications filed by any other officer for

transfer to Thrissur district shall also be considered in accordance with law. This shall be done as expeditiously as possible, preferably before the vacancy in Thrissur district is filled up. The petitioner will produce a copy of the judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before the Government for necessary action. Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

K.K.DENESAN
Judge

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